

SUMMARY OF HOUSE AND SENATE BILLS PASSED DURING THE 2003 LEGISLATIVE SESSION: Impact on Women and Children

This is a summary of the bills that were passed during the 2003 Legislative Session. During the session 3,401 bills were introduced, of those, 269 bills passed. Of the bills passed, 50 were vetoed.

2003 REGULAR SESSION:

In the 2003 Legislative Session, we have identified 19 House Bills and 24 Senate Bills; for a total of 43 bills that passed which directly impact women and children. Of the bills passed, 8 were vetoed by the Governor. In the year 2002, 17 House Bills and 12 Senate Bills for a total of 29 bills impacting women and children were passed.

For specific information on the bills passed, consult the Legislature's web site
at: www.capitol.hawaii.gov.

Thank you to all of the dedicated members of the Hawaii Women's Coalition who wrote and presented testimony at the public hearing and who helped educate the House and Senate members on women's issues. The Women's Coalition worked closely with the Women's Legislative Caucus, who were instrumental in getting many of our bills and resolutions heard in committees.

We look forward to a successful session in 2004!

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SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILLS PASSED

HB 29 HD1 SD1 CD1 (CCR 4-03) RELATING TO MEAL BREAKS

Status: Veto

Provides employees with at least a thirty-minute break during an eight-hour work shift. In addition to providing employees regardless of age or sex with a reasonable time to rest and consume a meal during a full day of work or eight-hour shift, this measure also empowers Act 172, Session Laws of 1999, which allows women to breastfeed during a meal break. This measure supports working mothers.

HB 123 HD1 SD1 (SSCR 1305-03) RELATING TO THE PRACTICE OF PHARMACY

Status: Act 201, Effective 6/24/03

Allows pharmacists to dispense emergency contraceptives in accordance with approved procedures and protocols developed by a pharmacist and physician. Allows improved access to emergency contraceptives for women, who need to take them within 72 hours for emergency contraceptives to be effective.

HB 127 HD1 SD1 (SSCR 1361-03) RELATING TO GENERAL ASSISTANCE

Status: Act 105, Effective 5/30/03

This measure allows a disabled person to remain eligible for general assistance, even if the person fails to pursue appropriate medical treatment, providing the failure is due to "good cause." The Department of Health will define the term "good cause," and its definition must include treatment being unavailable, personal emergencies, and circumstances which threaten the safety of the patient. This measure will protect persons with disabilities from losing their benefits, should these circumstances occur.

HB 130 HD1 SD2 CD1 (CCR 44-03) RELATING TO PENSION AND RETIREMENT SYSTEMS

Status: Act 182, Effective 6/16/03

This measure requires that a spouse or beneficiary be notified of the retirement option selected by a member of the Employees' Retirement System. Widowed spouses and/or dependents must be notified of the date of retirement and the benefits selected by the retiree when they are chosen, rather than after the person has passed away, giving spouses and dependents more information and allowing them more time to plan accordingly for their own financial situation.

HB 133 HD1 SD3 CD1 (CCR21-03)
RELATING TO CHILD PROTECTION

Status: Veto

This measure places immediate concern on the health and welfare of a newborn infant by making a hospital a safe place to leave a newborn child. It is intended to deter young mothers who might abandon their child, due to their inability to deal with motherhood or its responsibilities, from endangering the health and welfare of the child. By providing immunity from liability for hospitals and their personnel and confidentiality, anonymity, and freedom from prosecution for parents of a child left within 72 hours of birth, it encourages parents who would leave a newborn infant, to do so safely, preserving the child's life.

HB 135 HD1 SD1 CD1 (CCR 11-03)
RELATING TO INTERNATIONAL MATCHMAKING ORGANIZATIONS

Status: Act 149, Effective 6/4/03

Recruits of international matchmaking organizations come to the US with limited knowledge of their spouse-to-be, and even less knowledge of US law and available services. This measure requires for-profit matchmaking organizations to make available to recruits, most often women, criminal history record information and marital history information about prospective spouses residing in the U.S.

HB 200 HD1 SD1 CD1 (CCR 142-03)
RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

Status: Act 200, Effective 6/24/03

The State Budget includes funding for the Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women, an administratively attached agency of the Office of the Lieutenant Governor.

HB 382 HD1 (HSCR 754-03)
RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS FOR NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATIONS THAT PROVIDE HEALTH CARE FACILITIES

Status: Act 162, Effective 6/16/03

This bill supports the Pacific Women's Center, a non-profit Hawaii Corporation, by enabling them to construct a birthing center on Koa Ridge, which would provide postpartum, nursery, labor, and delivery services.

HB 389 HD2 (SSCR 1547-03)
RELATING TO FAMILY LEAVE

Status: Act 044 Effective 7/1/03

Applies the Family Leave Law to the State, any of its political subdivisions, any instrumentality of the State or its political subdivisions. Requires an employer who provides sick leave for employees to permit employees to use up to 10 days of accrued and available sick leave for family leave purposes unless a collective bargaining agreement authorizes the use of more. Clarifies that an employer is not required to diminish an employee's accrued and available sick leave below the amount required pursuant to Section 392-41, HRS.

This measure supports women, who are primary caregivers in most Hawaii households in this role by requiring employers to allow employees to use sick leave to care for a family member. It would allow parents to care for children and adults to care for spouses or parents.

HB 422 HD2 SD2 CD1 (CCR 26-03)

RELATING TO A CENTER FOR NURSING

Status: Act 198, Effective 6/24/03

This measure addresses the current (and projected future) shortage of nurses in Hawaii by creating a center for nursing at the University of Hawaii that will monitor the supply and demand of nurses in Hawaii, their recruitment, and retention. The center will serve as a central database for government and the industry to gather information. Using the successful model of similar centers in other states, Hawaii's Center for Nursing will be an important tool to reverse the current shortage of nurses in Hawaii and to provide for Hawaii's health.

HB 562 SD1 CD1 (CCR 22-03)

RELATING TO SEXUAL ASSAULT

Status: Act 62, Effective 5/19/03

By amending the current statute, this measure protects minors, especially young girls, by making permanent the age of consent for offenses of sexual assault in the 1st degree and sexual assault in the 3rd degree for persons who knowingly engage in sexual penetration with minors at least 14 years old but less than 16 years old, if the offender is not less than 5 years older than and is not married to the minor. The measure also strengthens current statute regarding registration of sex offenders, to protect Hawaii residents from sex offenders entering the state, by requiring sex offenders who remain in the State longer than ten days or an aggregate period exceeding thirty days in one calendar year to register with the county chief of police.

HB 564 SD1 CD1 (CCR 8-03)

RELATING TO PROMOTION OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

Status: Act 70, Effective 5/20/03

Extends offense of promoting a controlled substance near schools or school vehicles to include public parks. By adding public parks to the area protected by this law, this measure supports children and families who congregate in public parks and protects them from individuals promoting controlled substances by making it a class C felony.

HB 651 HD2 SD1 (SSCR 1121)

RELATING TO INFORMED CONSENT

Status: Act 114, Effective 6/2/03

Updates the current statute by providing a list of the information that must be given to a patient before a treatment can be administered, to ensure that the patient's consent to treatment is informed consent. This patient-oriented standard of informed consent provides better health care for women and girls by ensuring that they are given all of the information necessary to make an informed decision for treatment requiring their consent.

HB 914 HD2 SD1 CD1 (CCR 42-03)

RELATING TO ADULT RESIDENTIAL CARE HOMES

Status: Act 202, Effective 6/24/03

Allows unannounced visits of adult residential care homes during or outside normal business hours, to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of residents. This measure also specifies that inspections for purposes of determining compliance with licensing requirements will be conducted with notice, decreasing the extent to which the paperwork and time involved will interfere with an adult care residential home's ability to care for residents.

HB 1003 HD1 SD2 CD1 (CCR 32-03)

RELATING TO CRIME VICTIM COMPENSATION

Status: Veto

Provides that restitution payments collected by the Judiciary for a victim who cannot be located be deposited to the credit of the Crime Victim Compensation Fund. Allows the Crime Victim Compensation Commission to transfer a minor's compensation award to a custodian for the benefit of the minor under the Uniform Transfers to Minors Act. Grants authority to the Commission to pay for mental health counseling services for certain affected parties.

HB 1022 (SSCR 1061-03)

RELATING TO EXPUNGEMENT

Status: Act 006 Effective 4/3/03

Authorizes the expungement of a juvenile arrest record if the juvenile was counseled and released by the police once the juvenile has become an adult.

HB 1116 HD1 SD2 (SSCR 1374-03)

RELATING TO COURTS

Status: Act 65, Effective 5/19/03

Exempts a person subject to abuse by a family or household member, stalking, or sexual assault from filing fees and court costs in connection with the filing, issuance, registration, or service of a protection order and certain other court documents.

***HB 1198 HD2 SD2 (SSCR1230-03)**

RELATING TO CHILD LABOR

Status: Act 61, Effective 5/19/03

Prohibits minors from working in adult entertainment; establishes misdemeanor offense for any person who knowingly violates the Child Labor Law; modifies and clarifies work hour restrictions for minors.

HB 1361 HD2 SD1 CD1 (CCR 35-03)

RELATING TO THE MEDICAID PRESCRIPTION DRUG EXPANSION PROGRAM

Status: Act 191, Effective 6/17/03

Allows the income eligibility limit for the Medicaid Prescription Drug Expansion Program to be at or below 300 percent of the federal poverty level, improving access to prescription drugs for qualifying participants.

SUMMARY OF SENATE BILLS PASSED

SB 78 SD2 HD1 (HSCR 1502-03)

RELATING TO ELDER ABUSE

Status: Act 196, Effective 6/24/03

Authorizes the attorney general to seek civil penalties for abuse or neglect of a dependent elder; provides enhanced civil remedies for prevailing parties in cases involving abuse or neglect of a dependent elder.

SB 205 SD3 HD2 CD1 (CCR 77-03)

RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT

Status: Act 108, Effective 5/30/03

Requires public employers to provide at least two hours of paid leave during normal business hours to attend either a mutually-scheduled parent-teacher conference for the employee's minor child, or a mutually-scheduled parent-caregiver conference for a pre-school aged child attending a licensed group child care center. Clarifies that the employee may take leave for no more than two mutually scheduled conferences per child in a calendar year. Clarifies that travel time be included as part of the two hours permitted for each conference. Clarifies that the provision of paid leave not adversely interfere with the operations of the work unit nor require the applicable agency to incur additional human resources or overtime costs.

SB 585 SD1 HD1 CD1 (CCR 108-03)

RELATING TO STATE FUNDS

Status: Act 57, Effective 5/15/03

Makes an emergency appropriation of unexpended tobacco settlement moneys to the Department of Human Services to fund children's health programs for fiscal year 2002-2003.

SB 616 (HSCR 1184-03)

RELATING TO HATE CRIMES

Status: Act 33, Effective 4/23/03

Amends hate crime laws to apply to a defendant who intentionally selects a victim or property of a person because of hostility toward the persons' actual or perceived gender identity or expression.

SB 637 HD2 (HSCR 1442-03)

RELATING TO MISSING CHILDREN

Status: Act 192, Effective 6/18/03

Repeals the Hawaii Missing Children's Clearinghouse Trust Fund; transfers fund balance to the Friends of the Missing Child Center, a private non-profit center for locating, recovering, and protecting missing children, which will also promote community awareness of the problem of missing children.

SB 658 SD1 HD3 (HSCR 1470-03)

**RELATING TO EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTIVES FOR SEX ASSAULT
SURVIVORS IN EMERGENCY ROOMS**

Status: Veto

Standards of emergency care established by the American Medical Association require that female victims of sexual assault be counseled about the risk of pregnancy and offered emergency contraception. This measure requires all Hawaii hospitals to follow these standards, give victims the option of using emergency contraceptives, and administer it if needed, both to reduce the risk of pregnancy and added trauma to victims of sexual assault, and to give patients an accurate description of the treatment options available to them.

SB 740 HD2 CD1 (CCR 73)

RELATING TO HEALTH

Status: Veto

Creates a statute for the Public Health Nursing Services Program, which was established by the Department of Health in 1923, and contributes toward improving the health of Hawaii's residents through its involvement in services such as early intervention, infant welfare, and nutrition services. The measure ensures PHN's continued existence and provision of services by putting it into Hawaii state law.

SB 748 SD2 HD2 CD1 (CCR 110-03)

RELATING TO NURSING EDUCATION

Status: Veto

Establishes a nursing loan program to provide loans to nursing candidates. This program is established to contribute to reversing the nursing shortage which Hawaii's healthcare industry is currently experiencing.

SB 830 SD1 HD3 CD1 (CCR 68)

RELATING TO CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECKS

Status: Act 95, Effective 5/28/03

Requires criminal history record checks for applicants who may have contact with vulnerable populations such as children and dependent adults, or with persons in correctional facilities. Therefore, agencies such as the department of education and the Hawaii state library system are authorized to conduct criminal history record checks of prospective employees.

SB 931 SD2 HD2 CD1 (CCR 66-03)

RELATING TO HAWAII VICTIMS LEAVE ACT

Status: Act 60, Effective 5/19/03

Entitles domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking victims to up to 5 days paid or up to 30 days unpaid employment leave.

SB 933 SD1 HD1 CD1 (CCR 54-03)

RELATING TO STALKING

Status: Act 68, Effective 5/19/03

Amends the stalking laws by requiring the defendant to engage in a course of conduct involving pursuit, surveillance, or non-consensual contact on more than one occasion without legitimate

purpose; Defines "non-consensual contact" as any contact that occurs without the individual's consent or in disregard of that person's express desire that the contact be avoided or discontinued, and includes direct personal oral contact, and contact via telephone, facsimile, or electronic mail transmission, inserting that the defendant have been convicted previously of harassment by stalking within five years of the instant offense.

SB 946 HD2 CD1 (CCR 64-03)

RELATING TO CAREGIVER CONSENT

Status: Act 99, Effective 5/28/03

Allows a caregiver of a minor who lives with the minor, but is not the minor's legal guardian, to execute an affidavit of caregiver consent to enroll the minor in school and allow the minor to participate in curricular and co-curricular activities. Provides that a caregiver that makes a false statement in the affidavit of caregiver consent shall be subject to criminal penalties.

SB 1088 SD2 HD2 CD1 (CCR 111-03)

RELATING TO LONG-TERM CARE.

Status: Veto

Establishes a long-term care income tax to pay for long-term care benefits; establishes long-term care income tax credit for amounts paid for purchase of long-term care insurance; clarifies that long-term care taxes are not state funds; makes appropriations.

SB 1107 SD1 HD1 (HSCR 1316-03)

RELATING TO CHAPTER 711, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES

Status: Act 48 Effective 5/7/03

Redefines the offense of disorderly conduct. Expands scope of violation of privacy to include recording or broadcasting a person's intimate area underneath clothing while in a public place, without that person's consent.

SB 1139 SD1 HD1 (HSCR 1280-03)

RELATING TO FAMILY COURT

Status: Act 41, Effective 4/30/03

Increases the mandatory surcharge for parent education from \$35 to \$50. Repeals the discretionary \$15 donation.

SB 1234 SD2 HD1 (HSCR 1411-03)

RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

Status: Act 60, Effective 5/20/03

Imposes civil third-party liability on persons selling or providing alcoholic beverages or on persons owning or controlling premises on which alcoholic beverages are consumed, for damages caused by intoxication of persons under age 21. Prohibits certain subrogation claims. Prohibits adults from providing liquor for consumption or use by a minor. Exempts sales of alcoholic beverages licensed under chapter 281. Authorizes each county liquor commission to take action against unauthorized purchase of intoxicating liquor. Sets minimum fine for repeat violators, and separate penalties for minors subject to the jurisdiction of the family court.

SB 1241 HD2 (HSCR 1465-03)**RELATING TO CANCER EXAMINATIONS****Status: Act 107, Effective 5/30/03**

Eliminates unnecessary statutory language which requires hospitals to offer a uterine cytologic examination for cancer to every female in-patient twenty years of age or older unless the exam is contraindicated by attending physician or was performed within the previous year. Requires cancer examinations to be part of a statewide comprehensive cancer control plan, and requires the Department of Health to work with other government agencies, health care providers, health insurers and others.

SB 1305 SD1 HD1 CD1 (CCR119-03)**RELATING TO STATE FUNDS****Status: Line Item Veto**

Appropriates funds out of the emergency and budget reserve fund to maintain levels of programs essential to public health, safety, and welfare.

The following programs were fully funded:

Hale Mahaolu, Substance abuse services for youth and adolescents, residential alternative community care, chore services program, Blueprint for Change, Homeless assistance, Poison center, Hana Community Health Clinic, Adolescent Treatment Center for poly-drug abuse on island of Hawaii, Anti-drug efforts to prevent crystal methamphetamine use on island of HI.

The following programs were partially funded:

Bridge to Hope, Kaneohe Community Family Center, Kuhio Park Terrace Family Center, Molokai General Hospital, Kahuku Hospital, Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health and Hospital Board, Wahiawa General Hospital, Nonprofit, Community-based health care providers to care for the uninsured, Sex Abuse Treatment Center.

The following programs were cut completely:

Treatment for child victims of interfamilial sex abuse, forensic medical exams of children in foster care, Hawaii Youth Services Network, Volunteer Legal Services of Hawaii (Na Keiki Law Center), Waipahu Community Adult Day Health Center and Youth Day Care Center, Domestic Violence Clearinghouse and Legal Hotline, Kalihi area youth service centers and other youth service centers in the state, Lamalama Ka 'Ili Community Health Center, St. Francis Medical Center, Maui AIDS Foundation, Comprehensive oral health services to underserved children. The total appropriations were reduced from \$10,486,000 to \$6,896,000.

SB1309 SD2 HD2 CD1 (CCR 80-03)**RELATING TO THE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM****Status: Act 118, Effective 6/2/03**

Clarifies to whom monthly pensions are payable upon the death of the pensioner as the person designated be the pensioner during the pensioner's lifetime, or the personal representative of the estate of the pensioner. Amends the statute on the Employees' Retirement System to protect those adversely affected by Act 128, Session Laws of 2002, by returning to the previous method of calculating a retiree's average final compensation.

SB 1321 HD2 CD1 (CCR 113-03)
RELATING TO MENTAL HEALTH

Status: Act 197, Effective 6/24/03

Clarifies the definition of "serious mental illness" by replacing "bipolar mood disorder" with "bipolar types I and II". Makes permanent, the law mandating parity of serious mental illness insurance benefits with other benefits for physical illnesses and injuries.

SB 1352 SD1 HD2 CD1 (CCR 75-03)
RELATING TO HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES

Status: Act 98, Effective 5/28/03

Provides for the continuation of licensing and regulation of community care foster family homes by the Department of Human Services, requires the DHS to report on the cost-effectiveness and administration of the licensing and certification process, and appropriates \$65,000 from the criminal history record improvement revolving fund to conduct criminal history record checks for the operators of community care foster family homes.

SB 1423 SD2 HD2 CD1 (CCR 76-03)
RELATING TO A COMMISSION ON FATHERHOOD

Status: Act 156, Effective 6/14/03

Establishes the Commission on Fatherhood within the Office of the Lieutenant Governor to advise state agencies in order to promote healthy family relationships between parents and children.

SB 1469 SD1 (SSCR 539)
RELATING TO PEER SUPPORT COUNSELING SESSIONS

Status: Act 25, Effective 4/16/03

Provides that any communication made by a participant or counselor in a peer support counseling session conducted by a law enforcement agency or by an emergency services provider will be privileged and inadmissible in court, protecting the participants and counselors and supporting the function that peer support counseling sessions serve. The sessions provide a safe, secure, and supportive venue for law enforcement and emergency services to manage their stress freely without fear of retribution and judgement.

SB 1492 SD1 HD2 CD1 (CCR 70-03)
RELATING TO ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES

Status: Act 185, Effective 6/16/03

Requires the Department of Health (DOH) and the Real Estate Commission to conduct a study and report to the 2004 legislature on the impact and feasibility of allowing condominiums and cooperative housing corporation projects to become licensed as assisted living facilities to provide assisted living services for residents. Imposes a moratorium on the issuance by DOH of any new license for any condominium or cooperative housing corporation project as an assisted living facility, until the legislature acts on the report submitted by the department of health and the real estate commission, or 7/1/04, whichever occurs first.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE HAWAII STATE LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2003

HCR 28 (SSCR 1479-03)

REQUESTING CONGRESS TO FULLY FUND THE MILLENNIUM CHALLENGE ACCOUNT AND INVOLVE WOMEN AS FULL AND ACTIVE PARTICIPANTS IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS IN THEIR NATIONS.

The Millennium Challenge Account, begun in March 2002, is a plan to increase significantly development assistance to poor, developing countries, using the goals and priorities established by the United Nations and adopted in the United Nations Millennium Declaration. The effectiveness of the Millennium Challenge Account is dependent upon its being fully funded by Congress. In addition, achieving goals of reduced poverty, standards of education and health, and economic development within poor and developing countries cannot be achieved without full and equal participation of women in all aspects of planning from the beginning.

HCR 31 SD1 (SSCR 1574-03)

REQUESTING STRONG SUPPORT BY CONGRESS FOR TITLE IX, THE PATSY TAKEMOTO MINK EQUAL OPPORTUNITY IN EDUCATION ACT.

Citing the benefits of Title IX over the past 30 years, this resolution states Hawaii's support for Title IX and urges Congress to continue to support it and oppose any recommendations that would weaken it, including those of the Bush administration's Commission on Opportunity in Athletics, which convened to consider changes to Title IX.

HCR 85 HD1 SD1 (SSCR 1578-03)

REQUESTING A PROGRAM AUDIT AND INVESTIGATION OF THE VARIOUS AGENCIES INVOLVED IN THE CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES SYSTEM.

HCR 151 HD1 SD1 (SSCR 1595-03)

REQUESTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTERIM WORKING GROUP ON UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE.

HCR 203 SD1 (SSCR 1579-03)

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENTS OF HUMAN SERVICES AND HEALTH TO WORK WITH HAWAII'S CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION AND THE FEDERAL CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE IN HAWAII.

HCR 208 SD1 (SSCR 1579-03)

URGING THE U.S. CONGRESS TO RECOGNIZE THE MERITS AND SUCCESSES OF THE HEAD START PROGRAM AND TO REJECT ANY PROPOSAL TO LIMIT THE PROGRAM'S SCOPE OR TO MOVE IT FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

HR 13

CONGRATULATING THE HAWAII CHILDREN'S TRUST FUND ON ITS TENTH ANNIVERSARY.

HR 14

HONORING THE LIFE, MEMORY, AND LEGACY OF GLADYS KAMAKAKUOKALANI ‘AINOA BRANDT AND EXTENDING CONDOLENCES AND DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER FAMILY.

HR 18 (HSCR 1564-03)

SUPPORTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A RURAL HEALTH CARE CENTER AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT HILO.

HR 20

RECOGNIZING AND CONGRATULATING MARK R. HUNTER AS THE 2002 HAWAII’S OUTSTANDING ADVOCATE FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH.

HR 21 (HSCR 865-03)

AFFIRMING THE LEGISLATURE’S COMMITMENT TO HUMAN RIGHTS, CIVIL LIBERTIES, AND ALL PROTECTIONS GUARANTEED BY THE CONSTITUTIONS OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE STATE OF HAWAII, AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL CHARTERS AND COVENANTS.

HR 32

CONGRATULATING MOYA DAVENPORT GRAY ON HER OUTSTANDING ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS AS DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF INFORMATION PRACTICES.

HR 33 (HSCR 871-03)

REQUESTING CONGRESS TO FULLY FUND THE MILLENIUM CHALLENGE ACCOUNT AND INVOLVE WOMEN AS FULL AND ACTIVE PARTICIPANTS IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS IN THEIR NATIONS.

HR 34 (HSCR 1408-03)

REQUESTING CONGRESS TO END THE “GLOBAL GAG RULE” IMPOSED ON INTERNATIONAL FAMILY PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS.

Created by Pres. Reagan in 1984, canceled by Pres. Clinton in 1993, and later reimposed by Pres. Bush in Jan. 2001, the "Global Gag Rule" states that the United States will refuse to fund non-governmental organizations that provide legal abortion services, lobby their own governments for abortion law reform, or even provide accurate medical counseling or referrals regarding abortion, even if no United States money is used for these purposes.

HR 36 (HSCR 1366-03)

REQUESTING STRONG SUPPORT FOR TITLE IX, THE PATSY TAKEMOTO MINK EQUAL OPPORTUNITY IN EDUCATION ACT.

HR 39

CONGRATULATING THE IOLANI SCHOOL GIRLS’ CROSS COUNTRY TEAM ON WINNING THE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

HR 59 (SSCR 1218-03)

IN SUPPORT OF INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY AND REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES SENATE TO RATIFY THE CONVENTION ON THE ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN.

Supports International Women's Day, March 8th, urges the U.S. Senate to join 170 other nations in ratifying the Convention, and urges Congress to affirm women's right to reproductive health by funding high quality, voluntary family planning and reproductive health services.

HR 68

RECOGNIZING KEHAULANI CHRISTIAN ON HER SUCCESSFUL REIGN AS MISS HAWAII 2002.

HR 69

CONGRATULATING EDUCATORS LYNNE AKI JOHNSON AND LEONARD VILLANUEVA AS RECIPIENTS OF THE 2002-03 MILKEN FAMILY FOUNDATION NATIONAL EDUCATOR AWARD FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO EDUCATION IN HAWAII.

HR 76 (HSCR 1214-03)

STRONGLY SUPPORTING THE CONVENING OF THE 2003 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL'S PERMANENT FORUM ON INDIGENOUS ISSUES TO BE HELD IN HAWAII.

Supports the convening of the Permanent Forum in Hawaii from May 12, 2003 to May 23, 2003, of which Ms. Mililani Trask is a member. This multi-cultural forum is composed of sixteen independent experts from all over the world and makes recommendations to United Nations Economic and Social Council and distributes its report to relevant United Nations agencies.

HR 93 (HSCR 1307-03)

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO DEVELOP WAYS TO INCREASE PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT IN EDUCATION ON A SCHOOL-BY-SCHOOL BASIS.

Requests the DOE to allow each school, through school/community based groups, to determine how parents can play a greater role in filling the needs of that school and increase parental involvement and also requests the DOE to submit a report to the Legislature.

HR 98

CONGRATULATING THE KAILUA HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS' SOFTBALL TEAM ON WINNING THE 2002-03 STATE SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP.

HR 113 HD1 (HSCR 1607-03)

RELATING TO RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE.

Requesting that the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Department of Human Services Financial Assistance Advising Committee; and Department of Labor and Industrial Relations evaluate the Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women's Family Economic Self Sufficiency Standards study, and recommend appropriate changes to the state's

cash assistance programs for needy individuals and families, which welfare payments have not been adjusted for the past ten years, as the cost of living continues to rise.

HR 117 (HSCR 1309-03)

REQUESTING MEMBERS OF HAWAII'S CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO WORK TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL FUNDS NECESSARY TO MEET THE MANDATES OF THE FEDERAL "NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND ACT OF 2001".

Federal funding in the state for the "No Child Left Behind Act of 2001" being far below the amount agreed to during negotiations with Congress, and far below the amount projected as necessary to carry out the goal of the Act, Hawaii's Congressional Delegation is requested to work to obtain additional funds necessary.

HR 118 HD1 (HSCR 1574-03)

URGING THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION TO CONSIDER DECLINING ANY FURTHER PARTICIPATION IN THE "NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND ACT OF 2001" AND TO RETURN ALL FEDERAL FUNDS CONDITIONED ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ACT BY THE STATE OF HAWAII, UNLESS CONGRESS FULLY FUNDS THE ACT.

HR 149 (HSCR 1585-03)

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO IMPLEMENT CAREER PATHWAYS AS A PART OF A SCHOOL REFORM MODEL TO INCLUDE THE REDESIGN OF CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION THAT IS REFLECTIVE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES AND PRIORITIES.

HR 158 HD1 (HSCR 1521-03)

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND EXECUTIVE OFFICE ON AGING TO DEVELOP EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS AND PROGRAM STRATEGIES THAT ENCOURAGE FAMILY MEMBERS TO VISIT ADULT RESIDENTIAL CARE HOMES, LICENSED ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES, AND NURSING CARE FACILITIES TO PROVIDE SUPPORT, AND ENCOURAGEMENT, AND TO MONITOR THE HEALTH STATUS OF DEPENDENT ADULT FAMILY MEMBERS.

HR 163 (HSCR 1250-03)

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE HAWAII CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION, TO RESTORE THE DISPROPORTIONATE SHARE OF HOSPITAL PAYMENTS FOR COMPENSATION FOR CARE PROVIDED TO THE UNINSURED.

HR 179 HD1 (HSCR 1615-03)

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO IMPLEMENT PROGRAMS TO DEMONSTRATE TO THE CHILDREN OF ARMED SERVICES MEMBERS THAT THE PEOPLE OF HAWAII VALUE AND APPRECIATE THE SACRIFICES OF THE ARMED SERVICES MEMBER AND THEIR FAMILIES.

HR 185

HONORING AGNES PIGAO-CADIZ; SHIZU KAWAI; PATTI MAXWELL, BSN, RN; PATTI ERTEL, BSN, RN; DR. CHARON PIERSON; SHELBA CORTEZ, BSN, RN; AND ANA SILVA, BSN; FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE NURSING PROFESSION.

HR 186

HONORING WENDY HAMILTON, NATIONAL PRESIDENT OF MOTHERS AGAINST DRUNK DRIVING (MADD), AND THE ENTIRE MADD ORGANIZATION FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING WORK AND DEDICATION TO THE SAFETY OF OUR NATION'S ROADWAYS THROUGH THE ERADICATION OF DRUNK DRIVING.

HR 187

RECOGNIZING THE YWCA OF O'AHU 2003 LEADER LUNCHEON HONOREES NALEEN NAUPAKA ANDRADE, M.D., CAROL MCNAMEE, JEAN ROLLES, KAMEHAMEHA SCHOOLS AND NA LOIO.

HR 190

CONGRATULATING OFELIA VIADO ON HER RETIREMENT AFTER THIRTY-FIVE YEARS IN THE LONG-TERM CARE INDUSTRY.

HR 193

CONGRATULATING THE MILILANI HIGH SCHOOL BOYS VARSITY SOCCER TEAM AND THE MILILANI HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS VARSITY SOCCER TEAM FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING ATHLETIC PERFORMANCE.

HR 194

COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING TULI PETERS ON BEING NAMED THE 2002 GATORADE HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR AND FOR HER OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS, COMMITMENT, AND DEDICATION TO HER SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY.

HR 197

COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING CASEY FAMILY PROGRAMS OF HAWAII FOR ITS MISSION IN SUPPORTING FAMILIES, YOUTH, AND CHILDREN IN REACHING THEIR FULL POTENTIAL.

HR 198

HONORING THE U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION'S 2003 SMALL BUSINESSPERSONS OF THE YEAR.

Among the honorees are: Jeannette Otsuka Chang, Small Business Person of the Year; Lynne E. Woods, Women in Business Advocate of the Year; and Violeta Arnobit, Home-based Business Advocate of the Year.

SCR 12 (HSCR 1642-03)

REQUESTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TASK FORCE ON GRADUATED PARENTING.

This task force will discuss and report to the Legislature on their findings for creating programs offering information and training relating to child development and parenting, to be administered in the public schools.

SCR 13 (HSCR 1677-03)

REQUESTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A STATEWIDE INTERAGENCY TASK FORCE TO DEVELOP A PLAN FOR COORDINATION AND EXPANSION OF SERVICES PROVIDED THROUGH HEALTHY START TO YOUNG CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES.

SCR 18 (HSCR 1670-03)

REAFFIRMING THE STATE OF HAWAII'S COMMITMENT TO CIVIL LIBERTIES AND THE BILL OF RIGHTS.

SCR 23 SD1 (HSCR 1668-03)

URGING THE GOVERNOR TO ALLOCATE ADEQUATE FUNDING TO THE HAWAII STATE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN TO ENABLE IT TO CARRY OUT ITS MISSION AND DUTIES AS MANDATED BY LAW.

Supports the Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women and its mission to ensure equality for women and girls in the State by acting as a catalyst for positive change through advocacy, education, collaboration, and program development.

SCR 45 SD1 (HSCR 1678-03)

ENDORSING THE GOOD BEGINNINGS INTERDEPARTMENTAL COUNCIL'S SCHOOL READINESS TASK FORCE'S HAWAII STATE PRESCHOOL CONTENT STANDARDS.

Endorses the School Readiness Task Force's recommendation that Hawaii establish comprehensive preschool content standards applicable to all preschools in the State, and based on Department of Education K-12 standards. The Hawaii State Preschool Content Standards are recognized by the State Legislature and endorsed as state policy.

SCR 93 SD1 (SSCR 1253-03)

REQUESTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN AD HOC COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE CONTINUATION OF SERVICES AFTER THE PLANNED CLOSING OF THE CASEY FAMILY PROGRAMS' HAWAII OFFICES.

SCR 106 (HSCR 1629-03)

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS TO RECOGNIZE ON-LINE COURSES FROM ACCREDITED INSTITUTIONS.

Requests the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs to make provisions to allow on-line courses from accredited institutions to count toward satisfying the State's real estate appraiser's certification and licensing requirements.

SCR 130 SD1 (HSCR 1671-03)

ESTABLISHING AN AWARDS PROGRAM TO RECOGNIZE BUSINESSES WITH PARENT-FRIENDLY POLICIES.

SR 13 SD1 (SSCR 1259)

URGING THE GOVERNOR TO ALLOCATE ADEQUATE FUNDING TO THE HAWAII STATE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN TO ENABLE IT TO CARRY OUT ITS MISSION AND DUTIES AS MANDATED BY LAW.

SR 18 SD1 (SSCR 1489-03)

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO REVIEW PUBLICATIONS DESIGNED TO INFORM PARENTS AND GUARDIANS ABOUT WHAT THEIR CHILDREN ARE LEARNING IN LANGUAGE ARTS/READING, MATHEMATICS, SCIENCE, AND SOCIAL STUDIES FROM KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE SIX, AND IDENTIFY PARTNERS TO OBTAIN AND DISTRIBUTE A SERIES OF SUCH PUBLICATIONS.

SR 19 (SSCR 1248-03)

REQUESTING THE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF HAWAII TO INVESTIGATE AND QUANTIFY ECONOMIC DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE WORKING POOR AND FAMILIES ON PUBLIC ASSISTANCE IN FEDERAL LOW INCOME HOUSING.

Investigates the alleged inequality between the working poor and families on public assistance in federal low-income housing and its impact on these people.

SR 20 SD1 (SSCR 1292-03)

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO USE RESEARCH-BASED CURRICULUM AND STANDARDS-BASED CLASSROOM ASSESSMENTS, IN ADDITION TO LARGE-SCALE ACHIEVEMENT TESTS, TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND ACT.

SR 37 SD1 (SSCR 1493-03)

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO REPORT ON THE COSTS OF AND REVENUES GENERATED FROM ADULT AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND THE STATUS OF THE ADOPTION OF STATE STANDARDS AND OUTCOME MEASURES FOR THESE PROGRAMS.

SR 38 (SSCR 1283-03)

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURES AND GUIDELINES BY WHICH HOME-SCHOOLED STUDENTS ARE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN EXTRACURRICULAR AND CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AT PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

SR 40 (SSCR 1285-03)

URGING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TEACHER CADET PROGRAM TO RECRUIT HAWAII'S BRIGHTEST AND BEST PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS FOR TEACHING CAREERS IN THE HAWAII PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM.

SR 53 (SSCR 1457-03)

REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM TO IMPLEMENT A SYSTEMWIDE SENIOR CITIZEN VISITOR PROGRAM.

SR 102 SD1 (SSCR 1250-03)

REQUESTING THE REVISION OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE FORMULAS.

Based on the rise in the cost of living in Hawaii and the fact that Hawaii's method of calculation for welfare payments is both inadequate and outdated, and based on recent findings in the Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women's Self-Sufficiency Standard, requests that the Department of Human Services prepare a report and recommendations for determining public assistance allowance formulas.

SR 112 SD1 (SSCR 1517-03)

REQUESTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A "STATE CAPITOL WORKS OF ART BY STUDENTS" PROJECT TO DISPLAY STUDENT WORKS OF ART ON THE WALLS OF THE STATE CAPITOL.

SR 130 SD1 (SSCR 1541-03)

CONVENING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY DRUG TESTING IN SCHOOLS.

In response to both Hawaii's drug problem and disturbing statistics concerning young people and drugs, this measure convenes a task force to study the feasibility of drug testing in schools, based on the fact that treatment cannot be administered unless drug users are first identified.

SR 135 SD1 (SSCR 1475-03)

REQUESTING EXPLORATION OF THE FEASIBILITY OF CREATING PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS TO PROVIDE COST-EFFECTIVE HEALTH CARE SERVICES TO LOW INCOME AND MEDICAID-ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS AND GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES.